

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

STANLEY L. HOWARD,

Petitioner,

-against-

9:05-CV-1582
(LEK/DRH)

HOWARD D. GRAHAM, Superintendent,
Auburn Correctional Facility

Defendant.

DECISION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court following a Report-Recommendation filed on December 26, 2007 by the Honorable David R. Homer, United States Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and L.R. 72.3 of the Northern District of New York. Report-Rec. (Dkt. No. 43). After ten days from the service thereof, the Clerk has sent the entire file to the undersigned, including the objections by Petitioner Stanley H. Howard, which were filed on January 29, 2008. Objections (Dkt. No. 45).

It is the duty of this Court to “make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.” 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). “A [district] judge... may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.” *Id.* This Court has considered the objections and has undertaken a de novo review of the record and has determined that the Report-Recommendation should be approved for the reasons stated therein.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Report-Recommendation (Dkt. No. 43) is **APPROVED** and
ADOPTED in its **ENTIRETY**; and it is further

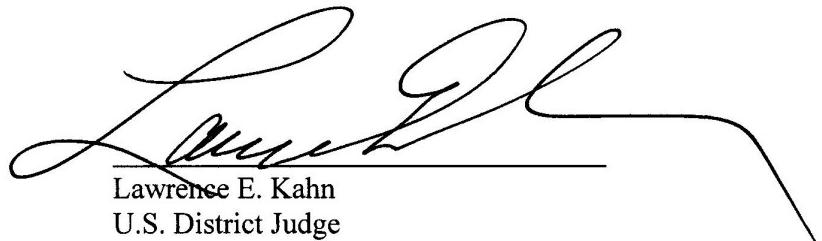
ORDERED, that the Petition for a writ of habeas corpus (Dkt. No. 1) is **DENIED**; and it is
further

ORDERED, that Petitioner is denied a Certificate of Appealability; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Clerk serve a copy of this Order on the parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 20, 2008
Albany, New York



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